

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

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Date of writing this report 7th January 1929

Vessel's Name

Steel S.S. Oliva

of London

Tons Net 3335

Built at Newcastle

When 1916

YEAR. MONTH.

Casualty notice sent to Owner

Owner's reply

Owner's Name Granton Shipbreaking Co

Address

Granton

Case previously before

Date

Particulars of Classification.

Classing Committee.

Last Minute

+100A1

1.28

11.2.28

+1.11.28

35.1.28

Date of Casualty 17th September 1928.

Carrying petrol down in bulk
also for oil fuel 7-16 F.P. tanks NO. 1

Précis of particulars of Casualty

This steamer went ashore on Bennan Head, South Arran, on 17th September. She was floated on 29th September. She was placed in dry dock at Glasgow, and examined by the Society's Surveyors, who reported the bottom to be holed and extensively damaged; about 85 shell plates (including keel plates), framing, girders and bulkheads in way affected. The Surveyors stated that it had been decided to sell the vessel for breaking up.

In a letter dated 10th December, the Anglo Saxon Petroleum Co stated they had sold the vessel to the Granton Shipbreaking Co.

The said Surveyors now state that the steamer arrived at Granton on the 1st January, and the work of demolition began on the 24th January.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

LIVA. — Portpatrick Wireless Station, Sept. 17. — Following received from British steamer Oliva, GQFN (wireless call sign), at 5.2 a.m. (G.M.T.): Ashore on Bennan Head. Send help immediately. At 5.6 a.m. vessel states: Tug only required.

Ardrossan, Sept. 17. — Tanker Oliva, with cargo petrol, bound Ardrossan, reported ashore early this morning at Bennan Head, South Arran, in dangerous position. Tugs proceeding to assist.

Ardrossan, Sept. 17. — Following wireless message received from tanker Oliva via Portpatrick 10.52 a.m.: Vessel surrounded with gas have been compelled shut off fires. Powerful tugs required to get vessel off. All hands now proceeding ashore atmosphere very gaseous and dangerous. As soon as tugs arrive will return to ship.

Ardrossan, Sept. 17. — Steamer Oliva. Crew landed, including four ladies and child. Vessel is ashore well inshore four miles west of Pladda. Three tugs in attendance. Weather favourable, tide making.

London, Sept. 17. — British tanker Oliva, with 5000 tons of benzine. The crew have returned to the vessel. Three tugs from Greenock failed to get the vessel off the reef on the afternoon tide and other tugs were dispatched to the scene. Efforts to refloat her were being renewed this evening.

OLIVA. — Portpatrick Wireless Station, Sept. 17. — Following from steamer Oliva at 5.46 p.m. (G.M.T.): Now leaving ship.

Ardrossan, Sept. 18. — Steamer Oliva: Attempt to float with three tugs failed; tides falling. Vessel on rocky bottom far in shore, wind westerly. Salvage doubtful.

London, Sept. 18. — Twenty-three of the Chinese crew of the steamer Oliva were brought to Ardrossan by tug, and this afternoon were conveyed to the Sailors' Home at Glasgow. The master and officers also went to Ardrossan by tug, but left again for the Oliva. Four tugs and a motor boat have been dispatched to attempt to refloat the vessel; also small oil tankers to transfer part of the cargo. One of the Chinese crew stated that when the steamer went ashore rain was heavy and the mist was thick, the vessel was steaming slowly and grounded quietly.

OLIVA. — London, Sept. 18. — Despite efforts of four tugs the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company's tanker Oliva, which went aground on Bennan Head, South Arran, early on Monday morning (Sept. 17) was still fast to-night when the tide was receding. A small tanker is near her for the purpose of taking on board some of the benzine she is carrying.

Liverpool, Sept. 19. — Salvage steamer Ranger left Mersey 8.30 this morning for steamer Oliva, ashore Bennan Head, South Arran.

LIVA. — London, Sept. 19. — The oil tanker Oliva was still hard aground to-night on Bennan Head, South Arran, but a special effort is to be made to float her to-morrow morning at 4 o'clock when a salvage boat from Liverpool and six Clyde tugs will be in attendance. Warning is being given to all shipping in the vicinity not to throw overboard any hot ashes or other inflammable material as the escaping benzine from the tanker is being carried in all directions by the currents and it has been impossible, so far, to pump any of it into the empty tanker which arrived on Tuesday (Sept. 18).

London, Sept. 20. — Renewed attempts to refloat the steamer Oliva to-day have failed. Six tugs and the salvage steamer Ranger, of Liverpool, were in attendance. The tugs left, but the Ranger will carry on salvage operations.

Suggested Record Stranded 9.28; Refloated & Broken up.

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Travelling Expenses

Second Surveyor's Fee (if any)

Committee's Minute

Character Assigned

Stranded, 9.28; Refloated & Broken up.

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OLIVA. — Ardrossan, Sept. 24. — The owners of the tank steamer Oliva have abandoned the attempt to float the vessel, which is ashore at Bennan Head, and the operations are now in the hands of the salvage company.

Liverpool, Sept. 25. — Steamer Oliva: The Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association report that they received the following telegram from their officer last night: Jettisoned 250 tons from Nos. 7 and 8 tanks this afternoon. Compressor on No. 9 tank tonight cannot get result until to-morrow morning. Will then jettison remaining 350 tons from Nos. 7 and 8 tanks, and afterwards deal with Nos. 5 and 6 in rotation. Progress satisfactory. Weather favourable.

OLIVA. — Liverpool, Sept. 26. — Steamer Oliva: Liverpool and Glasgow Salvage Association report that they received the following telegram from their officer at this case last night: Monday night's (Sept. 24) jettison from No. 9 tank was 175 tons, leaving 67 tons in this compartment. Jettisoned further 53 tons from No. 9 tank this afternoon, balance must remain meantime. Preparing now to jettison from Nos. 7 and 8 tanks on to-morrow morning's ebb tide. Weather favourable.

Liverpool, Sept. 26. — Steamer Oliva: Liverpool and Glasgow Salvage Association advise that they have received following telegram from their officer at this case this afternoon: Jettisoned further 280 tons from No. 7 and 8 leaving 80 tons still in these compartments which cannot be dealt with meantime. Now preparing for No. 6.

OLIVA. — Liverpool, Sept. 27. — Steamer Oliva: The Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association advise they received a report from their officer stating that 240 tons benzine was jettisoned from No. 6 tank yesterday, leaving 40 tons in that compartment to be dealt with later, and that he was preparing to jettison from No. 5 tank to-day.

OLIVA. — Liverpool, Sept. 28. — Steamer Oliva: Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association advise that they have received the following report this morning from their officer at this case: Two hundred and ninety-five tons jettisoned from No. 5 yesterday, leaving forty tons in this compartment. During jettisoning ten tons escaped from No. 5 to No. 6 starboard indicating leak in bulkhead. This will not affect salvage. Moderate gale easterly wind to-day, and unable to board in the meantime.

OLIVA. — Kildonan, Sept. 29. — Steamer Oliva refloated at 9 20 a.m. and is proceeding up Clyde in tow of salvage company's tugs. Wind north, light; sea smooth.

Portpatrick Wireless Station, Sept. 29. — Following received from British steamer Ranger: British steamer Oliva refloated at 9 15 this morning. Proceeding Lamlash bay.

OLIVA. — Liverpool, Oct. 1. — Steamer Oliva: The Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association report this vessel was refloated on Saturday morning's tide (Sept. 29) and taken to Lamlash and safely anchored in the bay at midday.

OLIVA. — London, Oct. 9. — The Liverpool & Glasgow Salvage Association write, under date of Oct. 8: The salvage steamer Ranger is at present engaged in making temporary repairs to the steamer Oliva in Lamlash Bay. This work may occupy a fortnight from the present.

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